[Mr. K. M. Kuriakose].

There is real necessity for these Out-posts. These are two places where the administration of the Police is badly wanting. Similarly I can draw the attention of the Police Commissioner to some parts of the Muvattupuzha taluk where this necessity is felt. I do not exactly mention the names of all those places. One particular locality that I may mention is Ramangalam Pakuthi. From a reference to the number of cases in the Magistrates' Court at Muvattupuzha, I think the Commissioner will be convinced of the necessity of an Out-post there. Petitions for the opening of an Out-post there have been put to Government and now they are before the Police Commissioner.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyatitnkara II*): May I know whether the member is in order in making that reference?

PRESIDENT: Only a request.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): I was only pointing out one instance where the necessity is felt for the opening of an Outpost.

PRESIDENT: But let us try to dispose of the demand that is now before us before we proceed to the consideration of others.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): So I support all the three items of the demand.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 5,121 under three different sub-heads, namely, (1) the opening of two Police Out-posts, one at Karimanur and the other at Arakulam in Thodupuzha taluk Rs. 1,160.

(2) the provision of wooden stands for the traffic point duty constables in the Trivandrum Town—Rs. 800.

(3) the purchase of a new Pilot Car Rs. 3,161.

Is it the wish of the House that each item should be put separately or it should be put together?

(The wish that it should be put separately was expressed by the House)

Item No. 1 (the opening of two Police Outposts one at Karimanoor and the other at Arakulam in Todupuzha taluk—Rs. 1,160) was put to the vote of the House and carried.

Item No. 2 (the provision of wooden stands for the traffic point-duty constables in the Trivandrum Town—Rs. 800.) was put to the vote of the House and carried.

Item No. 3 (the purchase of a new Pilot Car—Rs. 3,161) was put to the vote of the House and carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,250 for continuing the anti-mosquito work at Alleppey.

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[Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai.]

Last year, anti-mosquito work was started at Alleppey with the understanding that, if the Government pay a certain amount, the Municipality will also pay the same amount and under that arrangement work was carried on very satisfactorily for about 6 months. Though as a result the Municipality thought that the work should be continued, a difference of opinion also arose between the Municipality and the Government. The former went back from their conditions and stated that they were prepared to contribute only 25 per cent. The Public Health Department said that they should stand by the original agreement and pay 50 per cent. But now the Municipality has agreed to contribute 50 per cent. The amount required for the whole work is about Rs. 6,737. Half the contribution by the Public Health Department will come to Rs. 3,368. We have a balance available in the budget amounting to Rs. 2,118. The balance required to carry on the work is Rs. 1,250. This amount is absolutely essential as the work at Alleppey has been found to be very effective and is also appreciated by the residents of the town. Mosquito work, if it ought to be successful, has to be done efficiently. Half-hearted measures produce poor results and the money spent on that account will be money wasted. More than 25 per cent. of the population of Alleppey suffer from the unsightly disease, elephantiasis. Taking into consideration the existing conditions at Alleppey and also in view of the fact that Alleppey is becoming an important sea-port and a commercial town, any attempt to improve the mosquito control work will be amply repaid

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know when Alleppey became an important sea port?

PRESIDENT: It has already become.

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*): With the opening of the Cochin Harbour, Alleppey also will become an important sea-port.

This work at Alleppey has to be continued. I therefore commend this to the consideration of the Assembly and request them to sanction the small amount of Rs. 1,250 for continuing the mosquito control work at Alleppey.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Is there not a lump sum provision for grants to Municipalities out of which this can be met?

PRESIDENT: That is not for Malaria.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Malaria has broken out in Alleppey?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*): So far no reports were received with regard to the outbreak of Malaria in Alleppey.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know why, during the regular budget session, this item was not included?

DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*): The matter was than under correspondence between the Government and the Municipality.

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MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Sir, I rise to oppose this motion. Mosquito trouble is not one that is peculiar to Alleppey alone. I understand that there is not even a single taluk in Travancore which is free from this trouble. It has been almost the accepted policy of Government to devote their attention and energy solely for the welfare of the towns neglecting rural parts of the state. We have been clamouring here time and again for the various needs of the rural population. But I must say that all our cries were found to be cries in the wilderness. I am not grudging the sanction of this grant for Alleppey town. I think that a more wide-spread campaign against mosquito trouble should be started throughout the State.

MR. K. KUNJUKISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. This is a supplementary demand. Can a question of policy be discussed? May I know whether the member can or cannot refer to the necessity or otherwise of places other than Alleppey with regard to this demand?

PRESIDENT: He has to confine only to Alleppey.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): What I am submitting is that this is not a trouble peculiar to Alleppey alone. This is a nuisance throughout all towns and villages of Travancore.

PRESIDENT: Therefore you oppose this Demand?

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): The mosquito trouble is not confined to Alleppey alone.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Is it the opinion of the member that, if funds cannot be granted for combating the mosquito trouble throughout the State, no demand can be allowed?

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): My only point is that, instead of confining the activities to this particular place alone, we should start a compaign for the whole State without any delay. On that ground, I oppose this particular demand.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,250 as supplementary grant on behalf of the Public Health and Sanitation Department for grant to Alleppey Municipality for mosquito control.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE TRADE UNIONS BILL—(*Continued.*)

PRESIDENT: The next item is Legislation. I suppose honourable members have already been discussing the Trade Unions Bill. The discussion on that Bill will now resume. I find that three honourable members have already spoken on the Bill *viz.*, Messrs E. V. Krishna Pillai, K. C. Karunakaran and Mr. M. L. Janardhanan Pillai.

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